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SUBJECT: NEW ISRAELI ACTIVITY IN RAFAH JUNCTION AREA REF: TEL AVIV 407 FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR WAHBA ASKED DEPARTMENT MARCH 17 FOR INFORMATION ON ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND PLANS FOR TOWN OF RAFAH AND RAFAH JUNCTION AREA. HE SAID AMB GHORBAL WANTED TO PROVIDE CAIRO WITH UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON REPORTED ISRAELI PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF RAFAH TOWN TOWARD SEA AND "ITS DEVELOPMENT AS A PORT," AS WELL AS "ESTABLISHMENT OF CUSTOMS FREE ZONE IN REGION." WAHBA CONFIDENTIAL

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GAVE IMPRESSION GHORBAL WAS NOT SO SURE THAT EGYPTIAN

GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ISRAELI ACTIVITIES TO UN AND SEVERAL THIRD COUNTRIES--WHICH HE SAID WAS REPORTED IN AL AHRAM--WAS GOOD IDEA.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE OF REFTEL BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND ESPECIALLY ANY INFORMATION ON DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN RAFAH TOWN AS REPORTEDLY ALLEGED IN AL AHRAM. INGERSOLL

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